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**From:** Levine, Carolyn  
**Sent:** Fri 8/14/2015 9:16:38 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King

Susan,

Below is a response to your question about the work at the Gold King Mine. We are still working on the other questions. Please let me know if you have further questions.

The recent work at the Gold King Mine was the initial activities being conducted as part of a removal site assessment. The plan was to re-open the Gold King Mine portal and workings to investigate the conditions to assess the on-going releases. This included the extraction of an unknown amount of water ponded behind the portal debris blockage, followed by removal of the blockage and stabilization of the portal opening.

When completed, the assessment would identify and characterize specific water flows into the mine and evaluate potential means to mitigate those flows if possible. This evaluation was being performed in parallel with the time-critical removal action at the Red and Bonita Mine in order to observe possible changes in the discharge at the Gold King Mine that may be caused by the installation of the bulkhead at the Red and Bonita this summer. The bulkhead was scheduled to be completed this Fall.

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Carolyn,

Please confirm that the time critical removal action that included the work at Gold King was the action to install a plug at the Red and Bonita mine (fact sheet attached; Sept 24, 2014 action memo was too big to send).

When was the installation of that plug complete?

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